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U. S. MUST REFUND MILLIONS IN TAXES

COURT HOLDS LAW OF 1916 MISAPPLIED

Stock Dividends, Levied
Upon for Years, Are
Really Exempt.

Washington, March 8.—Stock dividends may not be taxed as income, the supreme court held today in a unanimous decision.

The court divided five to four. Justice Pitney, joined by Justices Holmes and Brandeis in another.

Under the court's ruling, the federal government must refund millions of dollars in taxes collected on stock dividends since the 1916 law became effective.

Internal revenue bureau officials said today the exact total of the refunds could not be estimated at this time and that it would not be known until all claims had been filed and computed.

Most Important Ruling.

The court upheld federal court decrees denying the authority of congress to tax stock dividends.

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PRICE OF COAL HITS ENGLAND'S FREIGHT SHIPS

Rate Increase of 50 Cents
Necessary at Present
Scale.

London, March 8.—Freight rates on ocean shipping from England would be increased at least 50 per cent by a movement now in progress, says the London Times.

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BLACK FIEND TELLS ABOUT HIS CRIMES

Lockett, Cause of Lexington
Riot, Murderer of
Several Women.

Eddyville, Ky., March 8.—Will Lockett, slayer of Geneva Hardman, 10 years old, and central figure in the riots at Lexington Feb. 9, today confessed to the murder of two other persons, the probable murder of a third and another frustrated attempt.

All his victims were women. Each was strangled except the Hardman child whose head he crushed with a stone.

One in Illinois.

Lockett's victims, he told Warden Chilton in his cell on the north row of the Eddyville penitentiary, were a white woman whom he attacked and killed at the junction of the Louisville & Nashville and Big Four railroads at Carmi, Ill., in 1912 or 1913; a negro woman choked, assaulted and left for dead at Governor and Canal streets, Evansville, Ind., in 1917; and a woman of "those color he was in doubt, assaulted and choked to death near Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, in February, 1919, while he was in the army.

Dies March 11.

Lockett is condemned to die in the electric chair March 11 for the murder of the little Hardman girl.

FOUR ASK FOR
EACH SEAT AT
G. O. P. CONFAB

Chicago, March 8.—Plans for the Republican national convention, June 8, are to be completed today by the convention committee of which A. T. Hert of Kentucky, is chairman.

Officers of the convention, including temporary chairman, will not be selected for 60 days, however, Will H. Hayes, national chairman, announced following the monthly meeting of the national committee.

Committee members from 39 states are here for the conference. The principal work before the convention committee is the appointment of the 12,187 seats, for which more than 50,000 applications have already been received.

The convention and national committee were guests of Fred H. Upham, national committee treasurer, at a luncheon this noon.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who arrived this morning to take an active part in the campaign for General Leonard Wood, also attended the luncheon.

"Accord" Not Complete.

Chairman Hayes announced following the national committee meeting that the outstanding developments of the national committee existing among the committeemen.

Outside the meeting room, however, the corridors were buzzing as a result of the chairman's statement reiterating that "the duty of the national committee is to elect the candidate and not select him."

The statement was taken as an answer to claims advanced by some supporters of General Wood that the general had the support of the national chairman.

ABANDON VESSEL
EAST OF DELAWARE

New York, March 8.—The American schooner Eva B. Douglas was abandoned 150 miles east of Delaware capes, according to a radio message from the steamer Vasaria, which picked up the Douglas crew.

IS MORE GRAIN
ON FARMS NOW
THAN YEAR AGO

Washington, March 8.—The amount of grain on farms March 1, was announced today by the department of agriculture as follows:

Corn—1,092,095,000 bushels, or 37.04 per cent of the 1919 crop compared with 855,269,000 bushels, or 34.2 per cent a year ago.

Wheat—1,655,539,000 bushels, or 17.6 per cent, compared with 1,297,003,000 bushels or 14.0 per cent a year ago.

Oats—422,815,000 bushels, or 39.0 per cent, compared with 590,251,000 bushels, or 38.4 per cent a year ago.

BE BOSSES IN OWN DOMICILES URGED ON MEN

Bishop Blames Masculine
Weakness for Exotic
Fashions.

Boston, March 8.—Growing weakness on the part of the men of the country is developing a sinister feminism, Cardinal O'Connor told a gathering of men at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross last night.

Man, as the head of the house, he said, should assert his proper authority in the home.

Failure to do this, the cardinal asserted, leads to a false feminism, which unless it is curbed in time, will have disastrous results for humanity.

Cardinal O'Connor questioned how a father could "look on and see his children, especially the girls, running rampant without any consideration for modesty."

Headship of the family, he said, meant that the father should look after the morals of the whole family.

The evil of extravagant expenditure which, he predicted, would cause a financial reaction in America similar to that which has caused Europe's virtual bankruptcy, was criticized.

HOLDS LEGION
PLAN FOR MEN
IS YET CRUDE

Washington, March 8.—A serious mistake was made by the American Legion in presenting its proposals for soldier relief in the form in which it did, the house ways and means committee was told today by Colonel E. Lester Jones, a member of the legion's executive committee.

He said the executive committee would assemble this month and that he proposed to suggest that it formulate "a definite and sane policy" for presentation to congress in a "quiet and respectful way."

Colonel Jones said he believed the legion also should present a well considered scheme for financing any plan it proposed.

Farms Near Cities.

The witness said that in making an estimate some months ago he had found that about 350,000 former soldiers desired an opportunity to take over farms.

While he approved in principle a land settlement scheme, Colonel Jones said it should not be confined to vacant public lands or remote cut-over lands in the south and west, but that vacant lands in the vicinity of the cities should be condemned and purchased for soldier use.

STATE DEMOS.
MEET MAY 10
IN SPRINGFIELD

Chicago, March 8.—Springfield was chosen as the convention city for the state Democratic gathering on May 10, by the Democratic state central committee here today.

The convention will be made of 960 delegates, the representation being determined by the vote of 1916 in the state. Each 1,000 voters will be represented by a delegate.

The convention will select eight delegates at large and eight alternates to the San Francisco national convention and four presidential electors.

OTTUMWA SLOW
IN ITS GROWTH

Washington, March 8.—Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau indicated:

Ottumwa, Iowa, 23,003, an increase of 991, or 4.5 per cent over 1910.

Lewistown, Me., 31,707, an increase of 5,450, or 20.8 per cent.

Everett, Wash., 27,614, an increase of 2,800, or 11.3 per cent.

Population announcements for 1920 issued by the census bureau Saturday night were:

Toledo, Ohio, 243,109, an increase of 74,612, or 44.3 per cent over 1910.

Charlotte, N. C., 46,318, an increase of 12,304, or 36.2 per cent.

WILSON WILL NOT ACCEPT LODGE FORM

Silent, However, as to the
Taft Reservation to
Article X.

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson will state his position on the Lodge reservation to article 10 probably today, it was announced at the White House.

His attitude on this and other reservations will be outlined in a letter to Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the administration leader.

He will not see Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, as requested by Senator Hitchcock, but will write Senator Simmons, telling him the matter is sufficiently covered in his reply to Hitchcock.

Put in Final Form.

The president's letter to Senator Hitchcock was put in final form this morning. In it the president was said to have made his position equally as clear as he did in his conference with Senator Glass of Virginia two weeks ago.

Administration officials said the president would not accept the Lodge reservation to article 10. They disclosed that he had discussed the so-called Taft reservation to article 10 with Senator Glass and that while he had not stated his opinion of it, he did not say he would not accept it.

Limit Debate.

On motion of Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, the senate agreed today to limit debate on all remaining reservations to the peace treaty except those relating to Article X, and to voting power in the League of Nations.

As a result Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, withdrew his previous announcement that he would move today to proceed at once to a vote on article X.

As first suggested by Senator Lodge the limitation would have applied to all of the reservations except that dealing with article X, but the voting power reservation was excluded at the request of Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the Democratic leader.

Under the agreement as accepted no senator can speak more than 20 minutes on any single reservation except the two named.

Approve of Change.

A modified reservation affirming national control over armaments was adopted, 49 to 26. Nine Democrats, Chamberlain, Oregon; Gore, Oklahoma; King, Utah; Kirby, Arkansas; Nugent, Idaho; Phelan, California; Reed, Missis. Shield, Tennessee; and Smith, Georgia, voted for it.

The reservation as amended on the motions of Senators New, Republican, Indiana, and McCormick, Illinois, follows:

"No plan for the limitation of armaments proposed by the council of the League of Nations under the provisions of article 8, shall be held as binding the United States until the same shall have been accepted by congress, and the United States reserves the right to increase its armament without consent of the council whenever United States is threatened with invasion, or engaged in war."

SENATORS STILL
HESITATING OVER
NAMING OF COLBY

Washington, March 8.—Action on the nomination of Bainbridge Colby to secretary of state was deferred again today by the senate foreign relations committee.

Questions raised in connection with his confirmation were discussed for an hour, and it was said that neither the Democratic nor Republican members took the initiative in urging action. The committee probably will meet again tomorrow.

BRITISH WON'T
GIVE UP ISLES
TO PAY DEBTS

London, March 8.—Premier Lloyd George, replying to questions in the house of commons today regarding the suggestion that the West Indies be transferred to the United States in payment of part of the British debt to that country, stated that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the British government to barter or sell any part of the British West Indies.

The premier declared that the inhabitants of the West Indies were loyally attached to the crown and intensely proud of their membership in the empire.

Nobody Hurt by Naval Controversy, Senators Agree in All Reports

Washington, March 8.—Three separate reports from the naval subcommittee which recently investigated the controversy over the award of war decorations to navy officers were before the senate today. A majority report signed by the three Republican members of the committee, Senators Hale, McCormick and Poindexter, sharply criticized Secretary Daniels for not having fully advised officers as to his plans in making awards and asserted that his policy of decorating officers who lost their ships would be detrimental to the navy.

The other reports were submitted by Senators Pittman and Trammell, the two Democratic members of the investigating committee. Each defended Mr. Daniels' course and directed their attacks at Rear Admiral Sims, who precipitated the wrangle by criticizing the naval secretary's course.

On two points all three of the reports agreed. The first was that no harm had come to naval morale as a result of the awards or the controversy. The second was that enlisted men received too small a share of recognition for their services.

Postpone Inquiry.

Washington, March 8.—At Rear Admiral Sims' request the naval court of inquiry appointed to investigate the removal of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher from command of American naval forces at Brest by Admiral Sims in October, 1917, adjourned today soon after meeting to organize.

It was agreed that the court would reconvene at such time as the course of the senate's naval committee's investigation of Admiral Sims' criticisms of the navy's war record, which opens tomorrow, would permit the admiral to attend the court's sessions.

Members of the court agreed unanimously today to hold open hearings.

Cooperative Kidnaping
Association in Mexico

Washington, March 8.—Discovery of a "cooperative kidnaping association" having for its purpose "the kidnaping and holding for ransom of foreigners, preferably Americans," is announced by the Mexican foreign office, according to advices today from Mexico City.

The announcement says this "unique company" is made up of Mexicans and Americans on the border, this statement being based on reports from various consular officers. The foreign office says the "association" also is engaged in "the ignoble task of creating tries."

Acting on the information presented by the foreign office, the war department, according to these advices, has issued instructions to the military commanders in the border states to break up the kidnaping organization. The government says it is believed the promoters of the kidnaping organization are rebel agents who recently circulated handbills advertising the "Reorganized Government of Free Mexicans," and another announcing a coup planned for May 5.

MUTUAL TERMS
OVER ADRIATIC
WILL SUIT U. S.

Text of Wilson Note, However, Makes It Clear No Third Nation Shall Suffer.

Washington, Sunday, March 7.—While expressing satisfaction at the "unaltered desire" of the allied leaders to reach "an equitable solution," President Wilson in his last note to the French and British premiers, accepts with reservations the proposal that Italy and Jugoslavia themselves be permitted to settle the Adriatic dispute.

Expressing the view that it constitutes more than a mere exchange of views and is in fact a statement of the principle, the president refused to agree to a withdrawal of the British-French-American memorandum of Dec. 9. At the same time he indicated his unalterable opposition to the execution of the terms of the treaty of London except insofar as the United States government "may be convinced that those terms are intrinsically just and are consistent with the maintenance of peace and settled order in southeastern Europe."

No Swap of Territory.

While he said he would gladly approve a mutual settlement between Italians and the Jugoslavs which would be without prejudice to the interests of any third nation, the president declared he can not "possibly approve any plan which assigns to Jugoslavia in the northern districts of Albania territorial compensation for what she is deprived of elsewhere."

Albanian questions, he further said, could not be included in the proposed joint discussion.

If Italy and Jugoslavia, he said, prefer to abandon their allied buffer state and desire to limit the proposed free state to the corpus separation of Fiume, placing the sovereignty in the League of Nations, the United States is willing to leave the determination of the common frontier to Italy and Jugoslavia.

Text Given Out.

The text of the president's reply to the premiers which now is being considered by the supreme council at London, was made public here last night.

The Weather

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Warmer Tuesday. The lowest temperature tonight will be about 20 above.

Highest yesterday, 17; lowest last night, 12.

Wind velocity, 12 miles per hour. Precipitation, none.

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VILLA TAKES U. S. CITIZEN IN TRAINRAID

War Veteran Is Held for
Ransom After Bloody
Fight in Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, March 8.—Joseph Williams, an employee of an American smelting and refining company plant at Piedra, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$50,000 ransom, according to passengers from southern Chihuahua, who have arrived at Juarez, Williams, who is an American citizen, served in the world war, and suffering from the effects of German gas, was returning to the United States for treatment when the northbound Juarez train, on which he was traveling, was held up Thursday morning last, near Corralitos, Chihuahua, 400 miles south of El Paso.

Casualties Heavy.

In a battle between Villa's men and the train guard, ten of the bandits and 19 of the train guard were slain and the balance of the defenders, 50 in number, either wounded or driven off. The train and Pullman car conductors were among the dead, the latter being killed by a shot from Villa's pistol.

When the fighting ceased, the bandits herded the passengers to a small hill near the track where Villa harangued them and threatened them with death. Later, according to eye witnesses, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by the Carranza authorities at Chihuahua City.

Left in Desperate Flight.

Williams and an Arabian merchant, M. Nasar, were forced to accompany the bandits when they rode away, leaving the balance of the passengers marooned in a desolate country, bereft of their belongings and many of them without their clothing, which had been taken by the robbers.

According to R. J. Peltier, an American citizen resident of Mexico City, who was roughly handled, and threatened with death, the bandits numbered about 300. They stopped the train by placing a charge of dynamite on the track which wrecked the engine.

Execute Rebel.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, March 8.—Mateo Flores, a notorious rebel leader, has been executed by Carranza troops, according to advices to the military commander here, today. He was captured Saturday in Tamaulipas, the state where he operated, given a speedy court martial and executed the same night.

PRESIDENT OUT;
LOOKS HEALTHY

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson went riding today in an open automobile. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Rear Admiral Grayson and Wilmer Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother.

The president wore a heavy cloth overcoat and a golf cap. He looked the picture of health. It was his second public appearance since he took to his bed last October after his western tour, but his first ride since Wednesday he used a closed car.

The police again prohibited photographers from taking pictures of the president.

A bright sun was shining, but a sharp wind was blowing.

PERSIANS SUBMIT
PLEAS TO ALLIES

London, Sunday, March 7.—Persia's case has been laid before the supreme allied council by the Persian foreign minister, who is visiting this city, according to the London Times. It is believed the situation, so far as it relates to the Turkish question, has already been discussed by the allied premiers.

HONDURAN ROW
HITS CONGRESS;
TWENTY KILLED

Mexico City, March 8.—Members of the Honduran congress of deputies engaged in a pitched battle during the third week of February, there being 20 killed and wounded, according to top private telegraphic advices from Tegucigalpa and published in El Universal today.

Among those killed was Dr. Romulo E. Duron, president of the congress. It is stated that the fight has resulted in a new revolution led by General Tidorcio Garcia against the Gutierrez government.